

S-460  
Winifred Johnson House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WINIFRED JOHNSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-460

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-460

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common WINIFRED JOHNSON HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number 8137 Upper Hill Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Helen Johnson

street & number P. O. Box 301 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 160

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 130

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21871

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

**Condition**

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

**Check one**

- unaltered
- altered

**Check one**

- original site
- moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Winifred Johnson house, located at 8137 Upper Hill Road, is a two-story, two-bay frame house that stands on the east side of the road facing west in the center of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The principal gable roof is oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around the turn of the twentieth century, this two-story, two-bay frame house is supported on a low masonry foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a two-story shed roofed addition.

The west (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with the first floor covered by an enclosed gable roofed porch. Two single-pane sash windows light the second floor. The base to the roof is finished with an extended eave.

The north and south gable ends are alike with a single one-over-one sash window lighting each floor. The eaves to the roof extend slightly over the plane of the gable end wall.

Covering the rear wall of the single-pile main block is a two-story shed roofed addition that has a side entrance in the north wall and a single-pane sash window on the second floor.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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WINIFRED JOHNSON HOUSE  
8137 Upper Hill Road  
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland  
Chain of title

160/130                      John Johnson  
                                 Mamie Johnson

to

6/1/1953                     Winifred Johnson  
                                 Helen Johnson  
                                 ½ acre

157/520                     Howard Horsey  
                                 Mary A. E. Horsey

to

9/9/1952                     John Johnson  
                                 Mamie Johnson

104/12                       Herbert S. Wilson  
                                 Maggie Wilson

to

9/9/1932                     Howard S. Horsey  
                                 Mary A. E. Horsey

86/261                       Charles W. Winder  
                                 Hattie W. Winder

to

8/19/1922                     Herbert S. Wilson  
                                 \$200.00

Robert H. Jones, Sr.

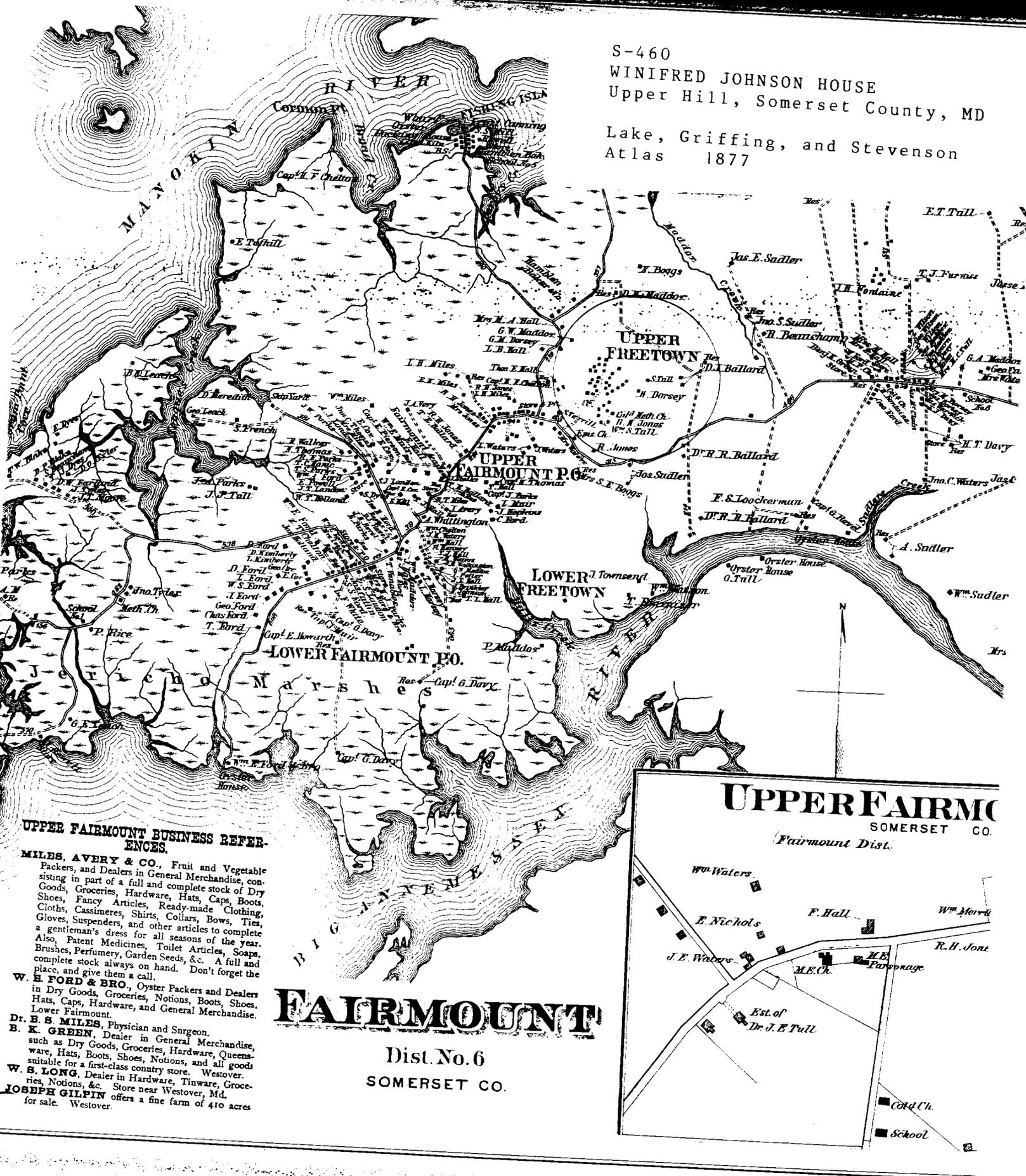
to

Charles W. Winder



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Upper Hill, Somerset County, MD

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
Atlas 1877

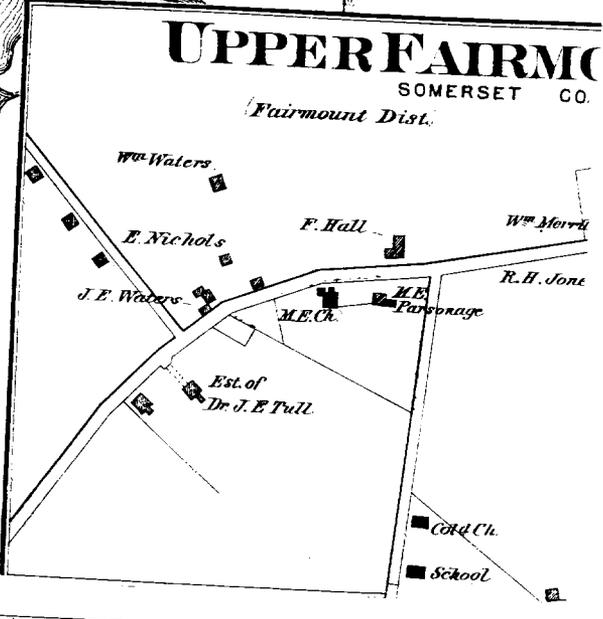


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- MILES, AVERY & CO.**, Fruit and Vegetable Packers, and Dealers in General Merchandise, consisting in part of a full and complete stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Fancy Articles, Ready-made Clothing, Cloths, Cassimeres, Shirts, Collars, Bows, Ties, Gloves, Suspenders, and other articles to complete a gentleman's dress for all seasons of the year. Also, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Soaps, Brushes, Perfumery, Garden Seeds, &c. A full and complete stock always on hand. Don't forget the place, and give them a call.
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- W. S. LONG**, Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Groceries, Notions, &c. Store near Westover, Md.
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Dist. No. 6  
SOMERSET CO.



MARION QUADRAI  
MARYLAND-SOMERS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTO

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WINIFRED JOHNSON HOUSE  
Upper Hill, Somerset Co., Maryland  
Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
1972





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WINSLOW LUTHERSON HOUSE

UPPER HILL, DENNIS COUNTY, N.C.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

6/95, PAUL TORRES, STATE HISTORIC

NEG / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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